

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior claim listings.

1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical (pg 5, 6th para)

composition for use in connection with topical application (5, parar5)

comprising:

a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and

b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary auxiliaries

and/or additives adapted for topical treatment of the human body additives

selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats,

waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents,

stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic

active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers,

antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers,

preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented)The composition of claim 11, wherein, the

concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-%

based on the composition.

14. (Previously presented) The composition of claim I I, wherein, the extract is obtained by a method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

15. (Previously presented) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body an extract of the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant or the composition according to claim 11.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment provides ~~comprises~~ an antiageing effect.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment provides for ~~comprises~~ the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides ~~comprises~~ at least one effect selected from the group consisting of anti-inflammatory effect, anti-itching effect, appeasing effect, anti-free-radical effect and anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect, or an antilipoxygenase effect.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment provides ~~comprises~~ a whitening effect or a lightening effect.

20. (Previously presented) A method of preparing a cosmetic composition which comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

21. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1142, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-% based on the composition.

22. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1142, wherein, the extract is obtained by the method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

23. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A composition of claim 1222, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight % to 10 weight % based on the composition.

24. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 1142.

25. (Previously presented) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 13.

26. (Previously presented) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body

which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 14.

27. (Currently amended) The A method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to ~~of~~ claim 20 wherein said mixing ~~which~~ comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes, whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

28. (Currently amended) The A method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to ~~of~~ claim 27 wherein said mixing ~~which~~ comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant in an amount of from 0.001 weight % to 10 weight % based on the weight of the composition with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

29. (Currently amended) The A method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to ~~of~~ claim 28 wherein said ~~the~~ extract is obtained by a method comprising:

a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected

from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a

solution of the extract in the solvent; and

b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.